

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Suite 200, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY W US HWY 52 – The public hearing was opened to discuss the sale of 35.774 acres on US 52. We are waiting on the appraisals before we can start the bidding process. The Board of Works will handle the sale. Council will make final approval. The bid would have to at least meet the appraised amount. There were no further questions or comments; Cameron moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Opened the following bids for 331 N Spencer property:
 - a) Danny & Sheila Berry - \$5,000.00
 - b) Doug Ellerman - \$2,500.00.

Cameron moved to take them under advisement with review by ARA. ARA will come back with a recommendation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Yesterday went to Edinburg as a part of the mentoring program. Edinburg actually sits in 3 different counties. This makes it a struggle to connect and function together.
3. The Board of Works passed the Fishmoon Brewery lease.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We met with Duke to look at the Overlook project and removing some poles. They will look into the Advance Auto building as well to see if it can be changed to a traditional 3 phase with only 1 transformer.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Meeting tomorrow.
- **Housing** – We should see equipment moving in on 16th Street next week.
- **ECDC** – McCane said they continue working on projects. Mayor Pavey said Cormo put out a podcast that they did with Gerry Dick. They continue to get out their message.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We continue through the right-of-way acquisition period.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins reported that on Thursday ISO will be doing an assessment with the fire and water departments.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have been picking up leaves and have put Christmas lights up downtown.

Park – The trees have arrived for the CJD Park. We will work on getting them placed this week and hopefully planted next week.

The wooden pirate ship has been removed and will be replaced with a swing.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that Robert Claycomb has passed all of his exams. The information will be sent to Perf for final approval.

Tucker said citizens need to be patient while in the downtown area Friday evening due to the festivities for Christmas on Main.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Light Projects** – Pavey said most of the feedback regarding the lights has been good. Some have commented that they took some getting used to. One resident requested a shield on one of the lights. They will provide a shield. One easement has been signed, but not yet submitted. Duke is following up. The lights are now in all of the neighborhoods in this area.

2. **CCMG** – Vectren is putting in new gas mains on 8th Street from Main to Fort Wayne Road. When they are finished the utility will put in a new water main. Most of the construction will be done next year.
3. **Utility/Code Enforcement/Planning and Zoning/Street Department Update** – We have created a signoff form causing us to cross communicate.
4. **Non-City Property at Point 44 and Old 44 (Near Trailer Park)** – We have sent letters offering annexation to the 2 residents.
5. **Ordinance 2019-19 Mobile Food Truck Permit** – Revisions are back from the attorney. Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-19. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2019-23 Fence Amendment** – Smith made a motion to approve with the addition to the ordinance stating that if a property owner has a boundary line survey that clearly delineates the property line boundaries, then they do not have to get neighbors approval. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Bridges voting “nay”.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2019-33 Adding Money Back to Appropriations** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-33. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Disposal of Property W US Hwy 52** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2019-35 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

- Water and Sewer Budget December 3
- Trash Fee Study

NOTES/UPDATES:

- **Permitting Discussion (Project Requirements – Size and \$)** - This is based on size of the project and money involved. It is mostly for commercial projects. Cameron is spearheading. It has been passed by the Board of Works.

Commercial and Residential

- a. Land Disturbance
- b. Improvement Location Permit
- c. Infrastructure Permit
- d. Sanitary Sewer Permit
- e. Drainage Permit
- f. Structural Permit
- g. BMP Fee

- h. Who Provides Construction Inspection
- i. Storm Grading and Erosion Control
- **Rushville Flooding Pre-Disaster Grant – Requested Considering of Drainage Study** - The County did an RFP to get pricing from a civil engineer.
 - a. Consultant Award MD Wessler
 - b. Contract \$89,407.48
 - c. August-September Start to EOY 2020
 - d. 2021 Wrap-up and Project Scope and Design
 - e. 2022 Construction Project Submission

Committee:

1. **Police Department Ordinance 2019-14 Downtown Parking Ordinance** – We will meet with Chief Tucker. We would like to avoid putting up a bunch of signage.
2. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements (State Statute Based)** – Not ready.
3. **Trailer Park Rushville Mobile Home Park** - The committee will look at the following:
 - a. **IURC** – owner has paid delinquent water sewer
 - b. **Park Conditions** - Chief Jenkins has done Inspections. He reported that he wrote up 7 trailers either for removal or repair and clean-up. Four of the properties need to be removed or repaired. He will schedule hearings for December 17. Bridges said we need to check the trailer park on 1st Street (Sunset). The residents there have City water but no sewage.

CLAIMS: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.